The Patents and Companies Registration Agency

Report to the ARIPO-WIPO TISC regional workshop

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Introduction

- The Patents and Companies Registration Agency PACRA opened the TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION SUPPORT CENTRE (TISC) on Monday 14th October 2013.

- TISC was opened after training conducted for identified stakeholders by WIPO.

- Those trained included partners of PACRA from R&D institutions, higher learning institutions and Technology hubs.

- In 2019, a Workshop on the Development of the Technology and Innovation Support Centre (TISC) Network in Zambia

Awareness

- No appropriate technology competitions have been held, although Zambia has undertaken an AP project.

- Plans to sign an MoU with the public service broadcaster, Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation, ZNBC, are afoot.

- The MoU will cover training of ZNBC staff and information dissemination on their various media platforms.

Capacity development

- Efforts are being made at a study visit to a country with ore developed TISC

- Training of students at the University of Zambia has and continues to be done in IP with a specific emphasis on patent information access and use.

- The training above has been extend to R&D institutions.

Infrastructure and information resources

- The country proposes to work closely with other member states and will discuss at the next Administrative council of ARIPO how to make more use of new ICTs on the regional level.

- On the national level, PACRA remains committed to sharing information, resources and expertise with other soon to be opened TISCs in the country.

Policy development

- On the national level, Zambia has been reviewing its national IP Policy.

- The Policy includes the promotion of access to IP information.

- Zambia is looking forward to working with other Member States in the promotion of a regional policy.

Governance

- Zambia commits to working with ARIPO and other Member States in exploring ways of establishing the governance of the ARIPO TISC sub regional network
- Zambia commits to active participation in annual meetings and all maters related to this.

Conclusion

- The importance of the development of TISC cannot be over emphasised.

- It is therefore important that all resources are pooled together to ensure the success of the effective use of the information available through TISC and the eventual success of this project.

Thank you!

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